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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Planning Officer

ATTENTION :

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SUBJECT : NPIC Contract Information System

1. Per your query of 29 March, NPIC/TSG/RED intends to implement an automated contract information system by 1 July 1971. This reporting system, currently being tested and refined, has been designed to augment and be fully compatible with the Contract Information System (CIS) presently maintained by the DDS&T.

2. For in-house users the new NPIC system offers several advantages over the current arrangement.

a. Timeliness -

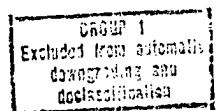
Although routine updating will continue on a monthly cycle, new information can be entered readily at any time and be available for automated retrieval within 24 hours. Listings can be provided within minutes of a request. The present DDS&T system, in contrast, is updated no more frequently than once a week, and a response time of 2-3 days is typical for NPIC requesters.

b. Accuracy -

Accuracy should be enhanced by frequent updating, fewer manual operations, and by convenient review and edit procedures.

c. Versatility -

The new system will permit retrieval of contract information in at least 20 different formats, including a set of punched cards for input to the CIS at Headquarters. Provision has also been made for storage of additional contract data, of particular interest to NPIC, which is not maintained by the DDS&T. Automation will enable a component such as PPBS to query the system directly for current data tailored to its specific need.

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d. Economy -

Automation will eliminate the expense and tedium of several manual data and paper handling chores while monthly equipment costs (e.g., drum storage) associated with the new system are estimated at \$1.25 per contract.



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